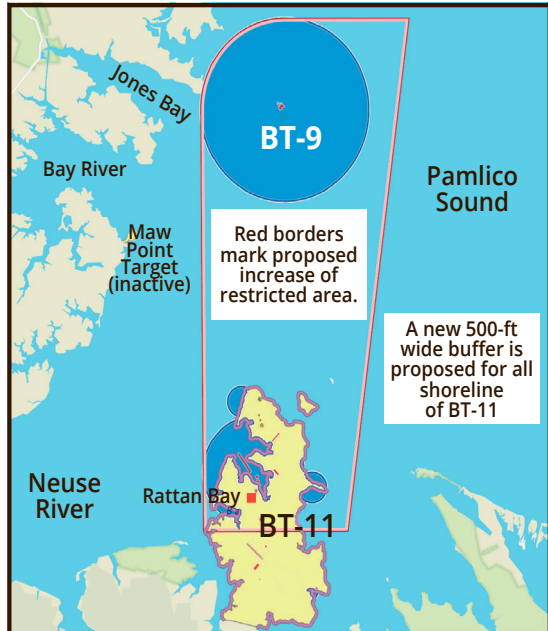


Drastic Increase Proposed For Bombing Range



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MOREHEAD CITY – When the Feds (especially the military) want to do something that might step on the toes of a state’s coastal regulations, a document known as a ‘Consistency Determination’ is properly prepared. In 16 pages of ‘government speak’ reviewed Tuesday afternoon, Uncle Sam repeatedly claimed that future actions by Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station will be ‘consistent’ with North Carolina’s coastal regulations to the *maximum extent practicable*.

Those last three words were a common refrain. Once however (on Page 3), Uncle Sam makes it clear that consistency is not in the cards when it comes to the future of Bombing Target 9 (Pamlico County) and Bombing Target 11 (Carteret County).



Glenn Skinner



Brent Fulcher

Deviating from being consistent with North Carolina’s coastal regulations, the Cherry Point narrative described a ‘Proposed Action’ that is entirely inconsistent. A new and much larger chunk of Pamlico Sound will see ‘intermittent’ restrictions of boating traffic. Also, of big concern to local fishermen, is a new and PERMANENT addition of a 500-foot wide

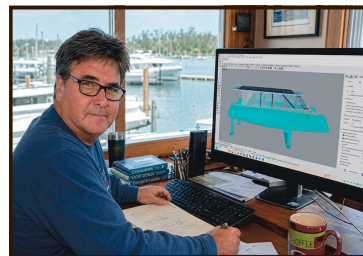
Electric Foiling Vessel Gets Mega Boost

PamliEcoConnect One of 23 Ocean Tech Ops

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EASTERN NC – Jay Phillips, who resides in Buxton on the Outer Banks, is a visionary entrepreneur – bound and determined to develop in our area a high-speed, zero emission electric hydrofoil watercraft.

His ambitious project now joins the prestigious Ocean Enterprise



Jay Phillips

Accelerator Program, operated by VentureWell in partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The VentureWell model brings together an esteemed network of partners, including academic institutions, research facilities, and industry experts to ensure that participants have access to state-of-the-art resources, expert guidance, and the connections they need to succeed. The entity has a track record of supporting disruptive maritime



Dr. Sampri Bhattacharyya

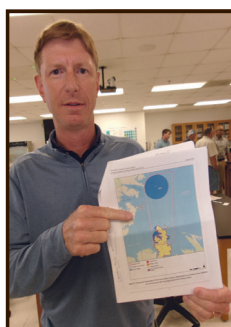
innovations, including early foundational backing for marine robotics and electric hydrofoil pioneers such as California-based Navier founder Dr. Sampri Bhattacharyya.

PamliEcoConnect’s selection marks a continuation of this innovation pipeline, focusing on scaling U.S.-built electric hydrofoil platforms for practical, real-world regional deployment.

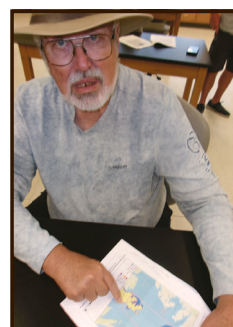


Flagship sea trials and operations are expected to run between Pamlico County and Hatteras Island in Dare County. Manufacturing is expected to begin at the Beaufort County seat of Washington, NC. PamliEcoConnect is engineering zero-emission electric hydrofoils designed to fly above the water on underwater wings, reducing hydrodynamic drag and energy consumption by up to 90% compared to conventional combustion displacement vessels.

For more information, email Phillips: jay.phillips@pamliecoconnect.com Or, call 252-552-5551.



William Warren



Dale Murphy

restricted area ‘safety buffer’ around Bombing Target 11.

The ‘Consistency Determination’ also lacked much detail – a point stressed by both Glenn Skinner and Brent Fulcher of the North Carolina Fisheries Association. Specifically, how frequent (or infrequent) is ‘intermittent use?’

Recreational angler William Warren added that he had fished in the vast area within the last three weeks, and suggested that notifying the boating public of any future ‘off-limits’ status would be difficult.

The brief 45-minute public comment session also featured some amusing anecdotes about decades of good fishing around the targets. Dale Murphy recalled an evening in the early 1970s when he anchored on the southeast corner of BT-11. “Yeah,” he chuckled, “that was the night my boat got struck by lightning. It knocked me down completely, and for months after I had a copper taste in my mouth like I was sucking on a penny.”

Next week in the County Compass, look for details on how to quickly and easily file your comments on this important subject.



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